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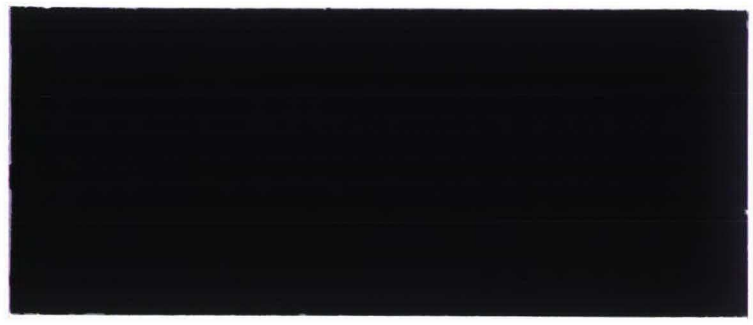
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# OUTPUT CONSISTENCY AND WEAK OUTPUT CONSISTENCY FOR CONTINUOUS-TIME IMPLICIT SYSTEMS

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## ABSTRACT

In a recent paper, the concept of consistency of initial conditions for general continuous-time *implicit* systems was recovered as a special case of so-called *weak* consistency, and it was demonstrated that "global" weak consistency is equivalent to impulse controllability. In this paper, both concepts are generalized for continuous-time implicit systems with a given output, and we derive necessary and sufficient conditions for "global" *output consistency* as well as "global" *weak output consistency*. Elsewhere these results will be used for a complete treatment of consistency and relaxations of consistency for arbitrary higher order implicit systems. Moreover, our conditions reduce to the known ones for (weak) *state* consistency if the output and state variable are the same.

## KEYWORDS

Continuous-time implicit systems, state consistency, weak state consistency, output consistency, weak output consistency.

## 1 Introduction.

Recently [1], issues such as solvability and consistency were investigated in depth for linear systems of the form

$$E\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t), \quad (1)$$

with  $E, A \in R^{l \times n}$ ,  $B \in R^{l \times m}$ ,  $u(t) \in R^m$ ,  $x(t) \in R^n$  for all  $t \in R^+ = [0, \infty)$  and  $x_0 := x(0^-) \in R^n$ , arbitrary. Following [2], a point  $x_0 \in R^n$  is called *consistent* if (1) has a classical solution  $x : R^+ \rightarrow R^n$  with  $x(0^+) = x_0$ , and *inconsistent* if this is not the case. However, by redefining (1) in terms of *distributions* [3], it can be seen that inconsistent points may give rise to *impulsive* solutions of (1) [4] - [5]. A simple distributional framework for (1) is given in [1]. This setup is based on the commutative algebra (over  $R$ ) of *impulsive-smooth* distributions  $\mathcal{C}_{imp}$  [6, Definition 3.1], [7] (here,

convolution  $*$  of distributions plays the role of multiplication). An impulsive-smooth distribution is any linear combination of an *impulse* and a *smooth* distribution. An impulse or impulsive distribution is any linear combination of the unit element in  $\mathcal{C}_{imp}$ , the Dirac distribution  $\delta$ , and its (distributional) derivatives  $\delta^{(i)} (i \geq 1)$ . A smooth distribution corresponds to a function that is zero on  $(-\infty, 0)$  and arbitrarily often differentiable on  $R^+$  (in the usual sense). Let  $\mathcal{C}_{sm}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}_{p-imp}$  denote the subalgebras of smooth distributions and impulses, respectively. The distributional derivative  $u^{(1)}$  of  $u \in \mathcal{C}_{imp}$  equals  $\delta^{(1)} * u$ . If  $u = u_1 + u_2$  with  $u_1 \in \mathcal{C}_{p-imp}$  and  $u_2 \in \mathcal{C}_{sm}$ , then  $u(0^+) := u_2(0^+) := \lim_{t \downarrow 0} u_2(t)$ . If  $u \in \mathcal{C}_{sm}$ , then  $u^{(1)} = \dot{u} + u(0^+)\delta$ , where  $\dot{u}$  denotes the ordinary derivative of  $u$ . It holds that  $\delta^{(i)} = \delta^{(i-1)} * \delta^{(1)} (i \geq 1)$  with  $\delta^{(0)} := \delta$ , and by defining  $\delta^{(-1)} := H$ , the Heaviside "unit step" distribution, and  $\delta^{(-j)} := \delta^{-(j-1)} * \delta^{(-1)} (j \geq 1)$ , we establish that  $\delta^{(i+j)} = \delta^{(i)} * \delta^{(j)} (i, j \in Z)$  and thus the inverse (w.r.t to convolution) of  $\delta^{(i)}$ ,  $(\delta^{(i)})^{-1}$ , equals  $\delta^{(-i)} (i \in Z)$ ,  $\delta^{-1} = \delta$ .

Then, instead of (1), we consider the distributional equation

$$\delta^{(1)} * Ex = Ax + Bu + Ex_0\delta, \quad (2)$$

together with, for every pair  $(x_0, u) \in R^n \times \mathcal{C}_{imp}^m$  (the  $m$ -vector version of  $\mathcal{C}_{imp}$ ), the *solution set* [1, (2.2b)]

$$S(x_0, u) = \{x \in \mathcal{C}_{imp}^n \mid [E\delta^{(1)} - A\delta] * x = Bu + Ex_0\delta\}. \quad (3)$$

**Definition 1.1** [1, Definition 4.1].

A point  $x_0 \in R^n$  is called *consistent* if

$$\exists u \in \mathcal{C}_{sm}^m \exists x \in S(x_0, u) \cap \mathcal{C}_{sm}^n : x(0^+) = x_0.$$

A point  $x_0 \in R^n$  is called *weakly consistent* if

$$\exists u \in \mathcal{C}_{sm}^m : S(x_0, u) \cap \mathcal{C}_{sm}^n \neq \emptyset.$$

**Proposition 1.2** [1, Theorem 4.5].

Assume that  $[EAB]$  is of full row rank. Then every  $x_0 \in R^n$  is consistent if and only if  $im(E) + im(B) = R^l$ . Every  $x_0 \in R^n$  is weakly consistent if and only if  $im(E) + im(B) + A[ker(E)] = R^l$ .



Now it is the purpose of this paper to generalize the concepts in Definition 1.1 and the results in Proposition 1.2 for systems (2) with *output* equation

$$y = Cx, \quad (4)$$

where  $C \in R^{r \times n}$ . It will be shown elsewhere that these generalizations are of great value for a thorough treatment of solvability, consistency and relaxations of consistency for *higher order* linear systems on  $R^+$  of the form

$$A_k[d^k x/dt^k] + A_{k-1}[d^{k-1} x/dt^{k-1}] + \cdots + A_1 \dot{x}(t) + A_0 x(t) = Bu(t), \quad (5)$$

with, for all  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k$ ,  $A_i \in R^{l \times n}$ , *arbitrary*, and  $B \in R^{l \times m}$ .

In the sequel we will frequently use some trivial observations.

**Lemma 1.3.**

Let  $\mathcal{L} \subset R^n$  and  $M \in R^{l \times n}$ . Then  $M[M^{-1}(\mathcal{L})] = \mathcal{L} \cap \text{im}(M)$  and  $M^{-1}[M(\mathcal{L})] = \mathcal{L} + \ker(M)$ . If  $\mathcal{L}_{1,2} \subset R^n$  and  $\ker(M) \subset \mathcal{L}_1$  and/or  $\ker(M) \subset \mathcal{L}_2$ , then  $M(\mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2) = M(\mathcal{L}_1) \cap M(\mathcal{L}_2)$ . If  $\mathcal{L}_{1,2,3} \subset R^n$  and  $\mathcal{L}_2 \subset \mathcal{L}_3$ , then  $(\mathcal{L}_1 + \mathcal{L}_2) \cap \mathcal{L}_3 = \mathcal{L}_2 + [\mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_3]$  (*modular rule*).

## 2 Output consistency and weak output consistency.

Consider the implicit system  $\Sigma$  :

$$\delta^{(1)} * Ex = Ax + Bu + Ex_0 \delta, y = Cx, \quad (6)$$

together with, for every pair  $(x_0, u) \in R^n \times \mathcal{C}_{imp}^m$ , the solution set  $S(x_0, u)$  (3).

**Definition 2.1.**

Consider  $\Sigma$ . A point  $x_0 \in R^n$  is called *output consistent* if

$$\exists u \in \mathcal{C}_{sm}^m \exists x \in S(x_0, u) : y \in \mathcal{C}_{sm}^r \text{ and } y(0^+) = C[x(0^+)] = Cx_0.$$

A point  $x_0 \in R^n$  is called *weakly output consistent* if

$$\exists u \in \mathcal{C}_{sm}^m \exists x \in S(x_0, u) : y \in \mathcal{C}_{sm}^r.$$

It is obvious that the concepts in Definition 2.1 generalize those in Definition 1.1; the former reduce to the latter if  $C = I$ , and then we will speak

of (weak) *state* consistency. Now, let us denote the spaces of state consistent and weakly state consistent points by  $I_s = I_s(\Sigma)$  and  $I_s^w = I_s^w(\Sigma)$ , respectively. In addition, the spaces of output consistent and weakly output consistent points will be denoted by  $I_o = I_o(\Sigma)$  and  $I_o^w = I_o^w(\Sigma)$ , respectively. Finally, we define

$$\mathcal{W}_f = \mathcal{W}_f(\Sigma) := \{x_0 \in R^n \mid \exists x \in S(x_0, 0) \cap \mathcal{C}_{p-imp}^n : y = 0\}; \quad (7)$$

$\mathcal{W}_f$  is the space of points  $x_0 \in R^n$  that are *strongly controlled* by *free response* (in [8, Definition 3.1] a point  $x_0$  is called *strongly controllable* if there exists an input  $u \in \mathcal{C}_{p-imp}^m$  and a state trajectory  $x \in S(x_0, u) \cap \mathcal{C}_{p-imp}^n$  such that  $y = 0$ ). The spaces  $I_s$ ,  $I_s^w$  and  $\mathcal{W}_f$  are characterized in [8, Section 3] and all relevant information from [8] is summarized in Propositions 2.2 and 2.4. The spaces  $I_o$  and  $I_o^w$  then follow from our first main result, Theorem 2.7.

**Proposition 2.2.**

$I_s$  is the largest subspace  $\mathcal{L}$  that satisfies  $\mathcal{L} \subset A^{-1}[E(\mathcal{L}) + \text{im}(B)]$ . In addition,  $I_s = A^{-1}[E(I_s) + \text{im}(B)]$ . Moreover,  $I_s^w = I_s + \ker(E)$ .

**Proposition 2.3.**

$$I_s \supset \ker(A).$$

*Proof.* Assume that  $Ax_0 = 0$ . Then  $x := \delta^{(-1)} * \delta x_0 = Hx_0$  is smooth ( $x(t) = x_0$ , constant, on  $R^+$ ),  $x(0^+) = x_0$ , and  $x \in S(x_0, 0)$  since  $\delta^{(1)} * Ex = \delta^{(1)} * \delta^{(-1)} * Ex_0 = Ax + Ex_0\delta$ .

**Proposition 2.4.**

$\mathcal{W}_f$  is the smallest subspace  $\mathcal{K}$  that satisfies  $\mathcal{K} \supset E^{-1}[A(\mathcal{K} \cap \ker(C))]$ . In addition,  $\mathcal{W}_f = E^{-1}[A(\mathcal{W}_f \cap \ker(C))]$ . The algorithm  $\mathcal{W}_0 := \ker(E)$ ,  $\mathcal{W}_{i+1} := E^{-1}[A(\mathcal{W}_i \cap \ker(C))]$  is such that  $\mathcal{W}_0 \subset \mathcal{W}_1 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{W}_n = \mathcal{W}_f$ .

$I_s$  and  $\mathcal{W}_f$  are *dual* concepts [6], [9]. Let the system  $\Sigma_1$  be represented by  $\delta^{(1)} * Ex = Ax + Bu + Ex_0\delta$ , and let  $\Sigma'_1$  denote the dual system  $\delta^{(1)} * E'w = A'w + E'w_0\delta, z = B'w$ . Then  $E(I_s(\Sigma_1)) = [\mathcal{W}_f(\Sigma'_1)]^\perp$  [8, Theorem 3.12]. Similarly, if  $\Sigma_2$  denotes the system  $\delta^{(1)} * Ex = Ax + Ex_0\delta, y = Cx$ , and  $\Sigma'_2$  denotes its dual  $\delta^{(1)} * E'w = A'w + C'v + E'w_0\delta$ , then  $\mathcal{W}_f(\Sigma_2) = [E'(I_s(\Sigma'_2))]^\perp = E^{-1}[I_s(\Sigma'_2)]^\perp$ .

The *intersection* of  $I_s$  and  $\mathcal{W}_f$  turns out to equal the space  $\mathcal{R}_{sm}^{i/o} = \mathcal{R}_{sm}^{i/o}(\Sigma)$  of points that are *instantaneously reachable from the origin* [6] by *smooth output generating* inputs in  $\mathcal{C}_{sm}^m$ :

$$\mathcal{R}_{sm}^{i/o} := \{x(0^+) \mid u \in \mathcal{C}_{sm}^m, x \in S(0, u) \text{ are such that } y \in \mathcal{C}_{sm}^r\}. \quad (8)$$



**Lemma 2.5** [8, Main Lemma 2.5].

Let  $x_0 \in R^n$ ,  $u = u_1 + u_2$ ,  $u_1 \in C_{p-imp}^m$ ,  $u_2 \in C_{sm}^m$ ,  $x = x_1 + x_2 \in S(x_0, u)$ ,  $x_1 \in C_{p-imp}^n$ ,  $x_2 \in C_{sm}^n$ . Then  $\delta^{(1)} * Ex_1 + E[x_2(0^+)]\delta = Ax_1 + Bu_1 + Ex_0\delta$  and  $\delta^{(1)} * Ex_2 = Ax_2 + Bu_2 + E[x_2(0^+)]\delta$ .

**Proposition 2.6.**

$$I_s \cap \mathcal{W}_f = \mathcal{R}_{sm}^{i/o}, I_s^w \cap \mathcal{W}_f = \ker(E) + \mathcal{R}_{sm}^{i/o}.$$

The algorithm  $\mathcal{R}_0 := I_s \cap \ker(E)$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_{i+1} := I_s \cap E^{-1}[A(\mathcal{R}_i \cap \ker(C))]$  is such that  $\mathcal{R}_0 \subset \mathcal{R}_1 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{R}_n = \mathcal{R}_{sm}^{i/o}$ .

*Proof.* First statement. Let  $u \in C_{sm}^m$ ,  $x = x_1 + x_2 \in S(0, u)$ ,  $x_1$  impulsive and  $x_2$  smooth, and  $y = Cx \in C_{sm}^r$ . If  $x_0 := x(0^+) = x_2(0^+)$ , then, by Lemma 2.5,  $\delta^{(1)} * E(-x_1) = A(-x_1) + Ex_0\delta$ ,  $C(-x_1) = 0$ , and also  $\delta^{(1)} * Ex_2 = Ax_2 + Bu + Ex_0\delta$ . Hence,  $x_0 \in I_s \cap \mathcal{W}_f$ . Conversely, let  $x_0 \in I_s \cap \mathcal{W}_f$ . Then there exist a control  $u \in C_{sm}^m$  and a state trajectory  $x_2 \in S(x_0, u) \cap C_{sm}^n$  such that  $\delta^{(1)} * Ex_2 = Ax_2 + Bu + Ex_0\delta$  and  $x_2(0^+) = x_0$ . In addition, for some  $x_1 \in S(x_0, 0) \cap C_{p-imp}^n$ ,  $\delta^{(1)} * Ex_1 = Ax_1 + Ex_0\delta$  and  $Cx_1 = 0$ . Consequently, with  $x := -x_1 + x_2$ ,  $\delta^{(1)} * Ex = Ax + Bu$ ,  $Cx \in C_{sm}^r$  and  $x(0^+) = x_2(0^+) = x_0$ . Thus,  $x_0 \in \mathcal{R}_{sm}^{i/o}$ . Second statement. By Propositions 2.2, 2.4 and Lemma 1.3,  $I_s^w \cap \mathcal{W}_f = [I_s + \ker(E)] \cap \mathcal{W}_f = \ker(E) + [I_s \cap \mathcal{W}_f] = \ker(E) + \mathcal{R}_{sm}^{i/o}$ . Third statement. Obviously, by Proposition 2.4 and the foregoing, the algorithm  $\mathcal{K}_i := I_s \cap \mathcal{W}_i$  is such that  $\mathcal{K}_0 \subset \mathcal{K}_1 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{K}_n = \mathcal{R}_{sm}^{i/o}$ . We have  $\mathcal{R}_0 = \mathcal{K}_0$  and  $\mathcal{R}_1 = I_s \cap E^{-1}[A(\mathcal{K}_0 \cap \ker(C))] \subset I_s \cap E^{-1}[A(\mathcal{W}_0 \cap \ker(C))] = \mathcal{K}_1$ . On the other hand, if  $x_0 \in \mathcal{K}_1$ , i.e., if  $x_0 \in I_s$  and  $Ex_0 = A\bar{x}$  with  $E\bar{x} = 0$  and  $C\bar{x} = 0$ , then  $\bar{x} \in A^{-1}[E(I_s)] \subset I_s$  (Proposition 2.2), and thus  $x_0 \in I_s \cap E^{-1}[A(\mathcal{K}_0 \cap \ker(C))] = \mathcal{R}_1$ . Now, assume that  $\mathcal{R}_i = \mathcal{K}_i$ . Then, as in the above,  $\mathcal{R}_{i+1} \subset \mathcal{K}_{i+1}$ . Conversely, if  $x_0 \in I_s$  and  $Ex_0 = A\bar{x}$ ,  $\bar{x} \in \mathcal{W}_i$  and  $C\bar{x} = 0$ , then  $\bar{x} \in I_s \cap \mathcal{W}_i \cap \ker(C) = \mathcal{K}_i \cap \ker(C) = \mathcal{R}_i \cap \ker(C)$ , and this completes the proof by induction.

**Theorem 2.7.**

Consider  $\Sigma$ . It holds that  $I_o = I_s + [\mathcal{W}_f \cap \ker(C)]$ ,  $I_o^w = I_s + \mathcal{W}_f = I_s^w + \mathcal{W}_f$ .

*Proof.* First statement. Obviously, by definition,  $\mathcal{W}_f \cap \ker(C) \subset I_o$  and  $I_s \subset I_o$ . Conversely, let  $x_0 \in R^n$  be output consistent. Then there exist a smooth input  $u$  and a state trajectory  $x = x_1 + x_2$ ,  $x_1$  impulsive and  $x_2$  smooth, such that  $y = Cx$  is smooth and  $C[x(0^+)] = C[x_2(0^+)] = Cx_0$ . Thus, from Lemma 2.5,  $x_2(0^+) \in I_s$ , but also  $\delta^{(1)} * Ex_1 = Ax_1 + E[x_0 - x_2(0^+)]\delta$  and  $Cx_1 = 0$  and hence  $[x_0 - x_2(0^+)] \in \mathcal{W}_f \cap \ker(C)$ . Second statement. Every  $x_0 \in \mathcal{W}_f$  is clearly weakly output consistent and also  $I_s \subset I_o \subset I_o^w$ . Con-

versely, let  $x_0 \in R^n$  be weakly output consistent. Then there exist a smooth input  $u$  and a state trajectory  $x = x_1 + x_2 \in S(x_0, u)$ , with  $x_1$  impulsive and  $x_2$  smooth, such that  $Cx_1 = 0$ . As in the first half of the proof, it follows from Lemma 2.5 that  $[x_0 - x_2(0^+)] \in \mathcal{W}_f$  and  $x_2(0^+) \in I_s$ . This completes the proof.

Note that Theorem 2.7 reduces to the last statement in Proposition 2.2 if  $C = I$ , since, then,  $\mathcal{W}_f = \ker(E)$  by (7) or Proposition 2.4.

**Corollary 2.8.**

Consider  $\Sigma$  and its dual  $\Sigma'$ :  $\delta^{(1)} * E'w = A'w + C'v + E'w_0\delta, z = B'w$ . Then

$$\ker(E) + \mathcal{R}_{sm}^{i/o}(\Sigma) = [E'(I_o^w(\Sigma'))]^\perp, E(\mathcal{R}_{sm}^{i/o}(\Sigma)) = [I_o^w(\Sigma')]^\perp,$$

$$E^{-1}[A(\mathcal{R}_{sm}^{i/o}(\Sigma) \cap \ker(C))] = [E'(I_o(\Sigma'))]^\perp.$$

Proof. By Theorem 2.7,  $E'(I_o^w(\Sigma')) = E'(I_s(\Sigma')) + E'(\mathcal{W}_f(\Sigma'))$ . Hence  $[E'(I_o^w(\Sigma'))]^\perp = [E'(I_s(\Sigma'))]^\perp \cap [E'(\mathcal{W}_f(\Sigma'))]^\perp = \mathcal{W}_f(\Sigma) \cap E^{-1}[\mathcal{W}_f(\Sigma')]^\perp = \mathcal{W}_f(\Sigma) \cap E^{-1}[E(I_s(\Sigma))] = \mathcal{W}_f(\Sigma) \cap [I_s(\Sigma) + \ker(E)] = \ker(E) + \mathcal{R}_{sm}^{i/o}(\Sigma)$ , by Lemma 1.3 and Proposition 2.6. In addition, by the foregoing,  $E[\mathcal{R}_{sm}^{i/o}(\Sigma)] = E[E'(I_o^w(\Sigma'))]^\perp = [(E')^{-1}(E'(I_o^w(\Sigma')))]^\perp = [I_o^w(\Sigma')]^\perp$  (Lemma 1.3). Next, we have  $I_o(\Sigma') = I_s(\Sigma') + [\mathcal{W}_f(\Sigma') \cap \ker(B')]$  (Theorem 2.7) and thus  $E'(I_o(\Sigma')) = E'(I_s(\Sigma')) + E'[\mathcal{W}_f(\Sigma') \cap \ker(B')]$ .

Hence,  $[E'(I_o(\Sigma'))]^\perp = \mathcal{W}_f(\Sigma) \cap E^{-1}[E(I_s(\Sigma)) + \text{im}(B)] = E^{-1}[A(\mathcal{W}_f(\Sigma) \cap \ker(C))] \cap E^{-1}[E(I_s(\Sigma)) + \text{im}(B)]$  (Proposition 2.4)  $= E^{-1}\{A(\mathcal{W}_f(\Sigma) \cap \ker(C)) \cap [E(I_s(\Sigma)) + \text{im}(B)]\} = E^{-1}[A(\mathcal{W}_f(\Sigma) \cap \ker(C)) \cap A(I_s(\Sigma))]$  (Proposition 2.2, Lemma 1.3)  $= E^{-1}[A(\mathcal{W}_f(\Sigma) \cap I_s(\Sigma) \cap \ker(C))]$  (Lemma 1.3, Proposition 2.3)  $= E^{-1}[A(\mathcal{R}_{sm}^{i/o}(\Sigma) \cap \ker(C))]$  (Proposition 2.6). This completes the proof.

**Corollary 2.9.**

Every  $x_0 \in R^n$  is output consistent if and only if  $I_s + [\mathcal{W}_f \cap \ker(C)] = R^n$ . Every  $x_0 \in R^n$  is weakly output consistent if and only if  $I_s + \mathcal{W}_f = R^n$ .

Now, the conditions in Corollary 2.9 will be *recasted* in terms of  $R^l$  instead of  $R^n$ . Central instrument for this refashioning operation is Lemma 2.10, which leads to our second main result, Theorem 2.11.

**Lemma 2.10.**

Let  $\mathcal{L} \subset R^n$ .

- (a) Assume that  $\mathcal{L} \subset E^{-1}[A(\mathcal{L}) + \text{im}(B)] + \ker(A)$ . Then  $E(I_s) + \text{im}(B) + A(\mathcal{L}) = R^l \Leftrightarrow \text{im}(E) + \text{im}(B) + A(\mathcal{L}) = R^l$ .
- (b)  $I_s + \mathcal{L} = R^n \Leftrightarrow E(I_s) + \text{im}(B) + A(\mathcal{L}) \supset \text{im}(A)$ .
- (c) Assume that  $[EAB]$  is of full row rank. If  $\mathcal{L} \subset E^{-1}[A(\mathcal{L}) + \text{im}(B)] + \ker(A)$ , then  $I_s + \mathcal{L} = R^n \Leftrightarrow \text{im}(E) + \text{im}(B) + A(\mathcal{L}) = R^l$ .

Proof. Part (a),  $\Rightarrow$ : Trivial. Conversely, let  $\Sigma'$  denote the dual system of (2):  $\delta^{(1)} * E'w = A'w + E'w_0\delta, z = B'w$ . Since  $A(\mathcal{L}) \subset A[E^{-1}[A(\mathcal{L}) + \text{im}(B)]]$ , it follows that  $[A(\mathcal{L})]^\perp \supset (A')^{-1}[E'[[A(\mathcal{L})]^\perp \cap \ker(B')]]$ . According to Proposition 2.4, the algorithm  $\mathcal{W}_0 := \ker(E'), \mathcal{W}_{j+1} := (E')^{-1}[A'(\mathcal{W}_j \cap \ker(B'))]$  is such that  $\mathcal{W}_0 \subset \mathcal{W}_1 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{W}_l = \mathcal{W}_f(\Sigma')$ . We will show by induction that, for every  $j = 0, 1, \dots, l$ ,

$$\mathcal{W}_j \cap \ker(B') \cap [A(\mathcal{L})]^\perp = 0, \quad (9)$$

if  $\mathcal{W}_0 \cap \ker(B') \cap [A(\mathcal{L})]^\perp = 0$ . First, let  $w_0 \in \mathcal{W}_1, B'w_0 = 0$  and  $w_0 \in [A(\mathcal{L})]^\perp$ . Then  $E'w_0 = A'\bar{w}$  with  $B'\bar{w} = 0, E'\bar{w} = 0$  for some  $\bar{w} \in R^l$ . Thus, also,  $\bar{w} \in (A')^{-1}[E'[[A(\mathcal{L})]^\perp \cap \ker(B')]] \subset [A(\mathcal{L})]^\perp$ , and hence  $\bar{w} = 0$ . Consequently,  $E'w_0 = 0$  and thus  $w_0 = 0$ . Next, let (9) be true for  $j \in \{0, \dots, l-1\}$ , and let  $w_0 \in \mathcal{W}_{j+1}, B'w_0 = 0, w_0 \in [A(\mathcal{L})]^\perp$ . Then there exists a  $\bar{w} \in \mathcal{W}_j \cap \ker(B')$  such that  $E'w_0 = A'\bar{w}$ . Hence  $\bar{w} \in [A(\mathcal{L})]^\perp$  and thus  $\bar{w} = 0$  and therefore  $w_0 = 0$ . We conclude that  $\mathcal{W}_f(\Sigma') \cap \ker(B') \cap [A(\mathcal{L})]^\perp = 0$  if  $\ker(E') \cap \ker(B') \cap [A(\mathcal{L})]^\perp = 0$ . Part (b). By Proposition 2.3,  $I_s + \mathcal{L} = R^n$  if and only if  $A(I_s) + A(\mathcal{L}) = \text{im}(A)$ . By Proposition 2.2 and Lemma 1.3, then,  $I_s + \mathcal{L} = R^n \Leftrightarrow [E(I_s) + \text{im}(B)] \cap \text{im}(A) + A(\mathcal{L}) = \text{im}(A) \Leftrightarrow [E(I_s) + \text{im}(B) + A(\mathcal{L})] \cap \text{im}(A) = \text{im}(A)$  (Lemma 1.3)  $\Leftrightarrow [E(I_s) + \text{im}(B) + A(\mathcal{L})] \supset \text{im}(A)$ . Part (c),  $\Leftarrow$ : Combine (a) and (b). The converse follows directly from (b) if  $\text{im}(E) + \text{im}(B) + \text{im}(A) = R^l$ . This completes the proof.

**Theorem 2.11.**

Consider  $\Sigma$  and assume that  $[EAB]$  is of full row rank. Then

$$I_0(\Sigma) = R^n \Leftrightarrow \text{im}(E) + \text{im}(B) + A[\mathcal{W}_f \cap \ker(C)] = R^l, \quad (10)$$

$$I_0^w(\Sigma) = R^n \Leftrightarrow \text{im}(E) + \text{im}(B) + A[\mathcal{W}_f] = R^l. \quad (11)$$

Proof. It is easily seen that  $\mathcal{W}_f \cap \ker(C) \subset \mathcal{W}_f = E^{-1}[A(\mathcal{W}_f \cap \ker(C))]$  (Proposition 2.4)  $\subset E^{-1}[A(\mathcal{W}_f \cap \ker(C)) + \text{im}(B)] \subset E^{-1}[A(\mathcal{W}_f) + \text{im}(B)]$ .



Now combine Corollary 2.9 with Lemma 2.10 (c).

**Corollary 2.12.**

Consider  $\Sigma$ . Then  $E(\mathcal{W}_f) \cap E(I_s) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{R}_{sm}^{i/o} = \ker(E) \cap I_s \Leftrightarrow E(\mathcal{R}_{sm}^{i/o}) = 0$ . If  $[E', A', C']$  is of full row rank, then  $E(\mathcal{W}_f) \cap E(I_s) = 0$  if and only if  $\ker(E) \cap \ker(C) \cap A^{-1}(EI_s) = 0$ .

Proof. By Proposition 2.6 and Lemma 1.3,  $E(\mathcal{W}_f) \cap E(I_s) = E(\mathcal{W}_f \cap I_s) = E(\mathcal{R}_{sm}^{i/o})$ , and  $\ker(E) \cap I_s \subset \mathcal{R}_{sm}^{i/o} \subset I_s$ . This yields the first claim. Next, let  $\Sigma'$  denote the dual system of  $\Sigma$ . Then, from Theorem 2.11,  $I_0^w(\Sigma') = R^l$  if and only if  $\text{im}(E') + \text{im}(C') + A'(\mathcal{W}_f(\Sigma')) = R^n$ . On the other hand, from Corollary 2.8,  $I_0^w(\Sigma') = R^l$  if and only if  $E(\mathcal{R}_{sm}^{i/o}) = 0$ . Combination of these statements with the above proves the second claim.

**Example.**

Observe  $\Sigma$ :  $\delta^1 * \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{01} \\ x_{02} \end{bmatrix} \delta$ ,  
 $y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Directly,  $x_1 = 0, x_2 + u + x_{01}\delta = 0$ . For every  $x_{02}$  the smooth input  $u = -Hx_{02}$  yields, with  $x_{01} = 0, x_2 = Hx_{02}, x_2(0^+) = x_{02}$  and hence  $I_s = \ker(E)$ . In addition,  $x_2 = -x_{01}\delta$  is such that  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \in$

$S(x_0, 0), y = 0$  for every  $x_0 = \begin{bmatrix} x_{01} \\ x_{02} \end{bmatrix} \in R^2$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{W}_f = R^2$ . However,  $\mathcal{W}_f \cap \ker(C) = \ker(E)$  and thus  $I_0 \neq R^2, I_0^w = R^2$ . Note that  $I_s = I_s^w \neq R^2$ ! Also,  $\mathcal{R}_{sm}^{i/o} = I_s \cap \ker(E)$ ; note that the dual of  $\Sigma$  is  $\Sigma$  itself!

**Remarks.**

1. Observe that  $I_s$  is *not* appearing in (10) - (11), and that Theorem 2.11 covers Proposition 1.2.
2. Combination of Proposition 2.6 with Corollary 2.8 yields  $\mathcal{R}_{sm}^{i/o}(\Sigma) = I_s(\Sigma) \cap [E'(I_o(\Sigma'))]^\perp$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{R}_{sm}^{i/o}(\Sigma) = I_s(\Sigma) \cap \ker(E)$  if  $I_o(\Sigma') = R^l$ . The converse is not true, see the Example.
3. By Propositions 2.2 - 2.4, 2.6 and Lemma 1.3,  $E(\mathcal{W}_f) \cap A(I_s) = E(\mathcal{W}_f) \cap [E(I_s) + \text{im}(B)] \cap \text{im}(A) = E(\mathcal{W}_f) \cap [E(I_s) + \text{im}(B)]$ , but also  $E(\mathcal{W}_f) \cap A(I_s) = A[\mathcal{W}_f \cap \ker(C)] \cap A(I_s) \cap \text{im}(E) = A(\mathcal{R}_{sm}^{i/o} \cap \ker(C)) \cap \text{im}(E)$ . Thus, if  $\ker(E) \cap \ker(C) \cap I_s = 0$ , then  $E(\mathcal{W}_f) \cap [E(I_s) + \text{im}(B)] = 0$ , by Corollary 2.12. If, moreover,  $I_o^w = R^n$ , then  $B^{-1}[\text{im}(E)] = B^{-1}[E(I_s)]$ , even if  $\text{im}(E) \neq E(I_s)$ .
4. If  $I_{imp} = \{x_0 \in R^n \mid \exists u \in \mathcal{C}_{p-imp}^m : S(x_0, u) \cap \mathcal{C}_{p-imp}^n \neq \emptyset\}$ , then

$\mathcal{W}_f \subset I_{\text{imp}} = E^{-1}[A(I_{\text{imp}}) + \text{im}(B)]$  [8, Section 3]. Consequently, by Lemma 2.10 (c), [1, Corollary 3.6] and [8, Theorem 3.2],  $I_s + I_{\text{imp}} = R^n \Leftrightarrow \text{im}(E) + \text{im}(B) + A(I_{\text{imp}}) = R^n \Leftrightarrow [sE - A, -B]$  is right invertible as a rational matrix, provided that  $[EAB]$  is of full row rank.

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